REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	26 May 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	David Hamilton's Private Collection
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	William Morrow and Company Inc.
Author:	David Hamilton
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

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Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *David Hamilton's Private Collection* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The Classification Office considers that the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The book contains a collection of artistic photographs by the well known British photographer David Hamilton. The photographs primarily depict naked girls aged approximately 11 to 16 years. The girls are often in sexual poses or the photograph focuses upon the sexual parts of the model. The text reinforces the sexual nature of the book and implies that children and young persons are sexually accessible.

The Classification Office sought the opinion of experts under s21(1) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the FVPC Act) regarding this publication.

The right to freedom of information contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) cannot be applied to this publication, because it has been deemed to be objectionable under s3(2) of the FVPC Act. Section 3(2) deeming provisions are inconsistent with and override the rights and freedoms contained in the NZBR Act.

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